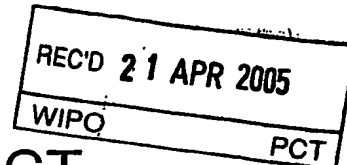


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- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	7-11
	No: Claims	1-6,12
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	7-11
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-12
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2. Citations and explanations

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- a method of controlling access to a communication network (abstract, "monitoring access to open network")
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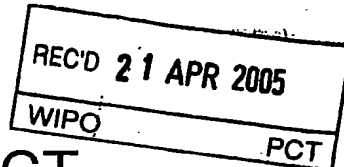
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